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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, *the* *27th of March 1933* / *14th of Meenam 1108*

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with M. R. Ry., Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl., acting Diwan and Ex-officio President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. G. Nayar, T. K. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi and P. Nilakanta Menon were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T.V.Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl., acting Diwan, first took the oath. Messrs. U. Kandar Menon (Diwan Peishkar), V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer), E. S. R. Menon (Special Member for Prevention of Food Adulteration Bill) and R. A. Gayatrinatha Ayyar (Special Member for Co-operative Societies Regulation Amendment Bill) also took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council and my good old friends:—

The whirlgig of time has again tossed me to this Chair, the most honoured Chair in the State, His Highness the Maharaja having been graciously pleased to call me again to act as His Diwan during the absence of the permanent Diwan, Mr. Herbert, on important business of State in Delhi.

Thus the privilege of cordially welcoming you all to another meeting of this Council has once more become mine, a privilege, I need hardly tell you, my friends, I value and honour very much. (*Hear, hear*).

We have a very heavy agenda before us traversing a very wide field, consisting, as it does, of no less than 8 important legislative measures intended to promote the social and material welfare of His Highness' subjects, a large number of resolutions (49) relating to diverse matters of public importance and touching on the activities of the administration in almost every branch and a pretty good number of demands for supplementary grants, besides over 300 questions to be answered. I have no doubt

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